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SUMMARY. NEW SAG COMMERCIAL ATTACHE ARRIVING WASHINGTON WITHIN NEXT WEEK WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO SURVEY GRAIN MARKETS THROUGH USG FACILITIES AND COMMUNICATE INFORMATION TO MINCOMMERCE. COORDINATION WITH MINFORNAFFAIRS HAS BEEN ATTEMPTED BY EMBASSY. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST EMBASSY BE PLACED ON CIRCULARIZED INFO FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS REGARDING FLOUR AND RICE MARKETS IN U.S. END SUMMARY.

1. CONTENTS OF REFTEL PASSED TO MINISTER AWADI AUGUST 28 BY LETTER (MEMCON BEING POUCHED TO NEA/ARP). HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT USG COULD NOT EXERT PRESSURE ON EITHER TRADITIONAL SUPPLIERS OR OTHER FIMRS TO PERMIT SAG BUY GRAINS AT PRICES MORE FAVORABLE THAN CURRENT CHAOTIC MARKET. IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT REPLY WAS POSITIVE AND USG WOULD GIVE HELP IN DESIGNING TENDERS AND/OR HELPING LOCATE BROKER/SUPPLIERS IN CURRENT DIFFICULT MARKET.
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2. NEW COMMERCIAL ATTACHE IBRAHIM KHOJA DEPARTED AUGUST 30 WITH INSTRUCTIONS SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION THROUGH NEA/ARP UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. EMBASSY, ANTICIPATING DIFFICULTIES WITH SAG AMBASSADOR IF MINCOMMERCE REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVED WITH INSTRUCTIONS NOT CLEARED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY, PASSED COPY OF LETTER TO AMBASSADOR NURI IBRAHIM AUGUST 30 WITH SUGGESTION THAT SUITABLE INFORMATION BE COMMUNICATED TO SAG AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS TAKEN DECISION IN RECENT MEETING AUTHORIZING MINISTRY OF COMMERCE TO TAKE STEPS TO ASSURE SUPPLY OF GRAINS DURING COMING YEAR BUT APPARENTLY ACTUAL FUNDS NOT YET ALLOTTED. WE HAVE GONE OVER GROUND WITH KHOJA AND HE UNDERSTANDS PRICING IN PRESENT MARKET CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO HOLD FIRM FOR MORE THAN A FEW DAYS AT A TIME. WE WILL CONTINUE URGE MINISTER START PROCESS FOR FUNDING. DIFFICULT TO SAY HOW LONG THIS MIGHT TAKE, BUT IT IS LIKELY TO REQUIRE MINIMUM OF TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS AND PERHAPS LONGER. KHOJA CARRYING LETTER OF INTRODUCTION TO DICKMAN.

3. WOULD BE VALUABLE TO BE ABLE KEEP MINISTER INFORMED ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN GRAIN MARKET. REQUEST DURING COMING FEW WEEKS THAT EMBASSY RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION CABLES SENT TO AGATTACHES OR THAT FAS CAN MAKE AVAILABLE TO FACILITATE SAG DECISION-MAKING ON THIS END.
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